

Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On November 14, 2000, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Authority was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than Date 120 days after receipt of application supplement.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application No.: 00-03-C-00-PIB.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$4.50.

Proposed charge effective date: May 1, 2001.

Proposed charge Expiration date: November 1, 2003.

Total estimated net PFC revenue: \$149,610.

Brief Description of Proposed Projects: Acquire ARFF Vehicle; Engineering & Design Of Runway Overlay; Install Security Fencing; Install Airfield Signs; Land Purchase; Acquire Security Vehicle; Construct Ramp Edge Taxiway; Acquire Communications Equipment; Terminal Renovation, Phase I; Acquire Security Vehicle; Terminal Renovation, Phase II; Erosion Control; Rehab Security System; Terminal Renovation, Phase III.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: None.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport.

Issued in Jackson, Mississippi, on November 16, 2000.

Wayne Atkinson,

Manager, Jackson Airports District Office, Southern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Intent To Rule on Application 01-04-I-00-SYR To Impose a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Syracuse-Hancock International Airport, Syracuse, New York

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent to rule on application.

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose a PFC at Syracuse-Hancock International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158). **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Federal Aviation Administration, New York Airports District Office, 600 Old Country Road, Suite 446, Garden City, New York 11530.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Charles R. Everett, Jr., Commissioner of Aviation, City of Syracuse Department of Aviation at the following address: Department of Aviation, Syracuse-Hancock International Airport, Syracuse, New York 13212.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the City of Syracuse Department of Aviation under § 158.23 of part 158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Philip Brito, Manager, New York Airports District Office, 600 Old Country Road, Garden City, New York 11530, Telephone: (516) 227-3800. The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose a PFC at Syracuse-Hancock International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158).

On November 14, 2000, the FAA determined that the application to

impose a PFC submitted by the City of Syracuse Department of Aviation was substantially complete within the requirements of § 158.25 of part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than March 8, 2001.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

PFC Application No.: 01-04-I-00 SYR.

Level of the proposed PFC: \$3.00.

Proposed charge effective date: February 1, 2001.

Proposed charge expiration date: February 2, 2002.

Total estimated PFC revenue: \$3,018,210.

Brief description of proposed project(s): Taxiway "A" Rehabilitation.

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi/ Commercial Operators Filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA regional airports office located at: Federal Aviation Administration, Eastern region, Airports Division, AEA-610, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica, New York 11434-4809.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the City of Syracuse Department of Aviation.

Issued in Garden City, New York, on November 14, 2000.

Philip Brito,

Manager, New York Airports District Office, Eastern Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Petition for Waiver of Compliance

In accordance with Part 211 of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), notice is hereby given that the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) received a request for a waiver of compliance with certain requirements of its safety standards. The individual petition is described below, including the party seeking relief, the regulatory provisions involved, the nature of the relief being requested, and the petitioner's arguments in favor of relief.

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company

[Waiver Petition Docket Number FRA-2000-7926]

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) seeks a waiver of compliance from the provisions of the Track Safety Standards, 49 CFR section 213.55, regarding the allowable deviations from uniformity of track alignment. There are 2191 track miles on BNSF where the maximum allowable passenger train speed is 80 mph or less and the corresponding freight train speed is between 61 and 70 mph. Pursuant to 49 CFR section 213.9(a) of the Track Safety Standards, the allowable freight train speeds subject these locations to FRA Class 5 standards.

BNSF is petitioning for a waiver which would establish intermediate values for allowable alignment deviations over the 2191 track miles in question. The intermediate values would be more restrictive than those prescribed for FRA Class 4 track, but less restrictive than those prescribed for FRA Class 5 track. The petitioner cites the fact that the allowable freight train speeds are at the lower end of the Class 5 speed regime, and the existence of various operating restrictions which closely control freight train speeds within the 61 to 70 mph range, as arguments in favor of relief. The petitioner also states there have been no reportable or non-reportable derailments attributed to irregular alignment over these 2191 miles in the past five years.

Interested parties are invited to participate in these proceedings by submitting written views, data, or comments. FRA does not anticipate scheduling a public hearing in connection with these proceedings since the facts do not appear to warrant a hearing. If any interested party desires an opportunity for oral comment, they should notify FRA, in writing, before the end of the comment period and specify the basis for their request.

All communications concerning these proceedings should identify the appropriate docket number (e.g., Waiver Petition Docket Number 2000-7926) and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, DOT Docket Management Facility, Room PL-401 (Plaza Level), 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Communications received within 45 days of the date of this notice will be considered by FRA before final action is taken. Comments received after that date will be considered as far as practicable. All written communications concerning these proceedings are available for examination during regular

business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) at the above facility. All documents in the public docket are also available for inspection and copying on the Internet at the docket facility's web site at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 16, 2000.

Grady C. Cothen, Jr.,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety Standards and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration****Research and Development Programs Meeting**

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

DATES AND TIMES: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on December 14, 2000, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 5 p.m. on November 29, 2000. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by December 4, 2000, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the December 4 date will be answered at the meeting during the discussion period. The individual, group, or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of answers to questions submitted by December 4 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, Romulus, Michigan 48174, telephone number 734-728-2800. Suggestions for specific research and development topics as described below and questions for the December 14, 2000, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research

and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is (202) 366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years, since April 1993, NHTSA has provided detailed information about its research and development programs in presentations at a series of public meetings. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information regarding the agency's research and development programs. This is the twenty-eighth meeting in that series, and it will be held on December 14, 2000, at the Best Western Gateway International Hotel, Romulus, Michigan.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on specific agenda topics to be presented at this meeting. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by 5 p.m. on November 29, 2000. Before the meeting, NHTSA will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the request to the telephone numbers listed in this notice, through the E-mail address listed in this notice, or from NHTSA's Web site under Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>.

NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to three topics, in priority order, so that the presentations at the December 14, 2000, meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific research and development topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other research and development topics of specific interest to their organizations or items of general interest. Additionally, if any interested parties would like to make a presentation regarding technical issues concerning any of NHTSA's research programs, information concerning the proposed topic and speaker should be submitted in writing by 5 p.m. on November 29, 2000.

Specific R&D topics are:

- Fiscal Years 2000-2001 R&D Research Efforts,
- International Harmonized Research Activities (IHRA),
- On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects, and
- Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN).